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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending May 14, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 14, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 28 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 4 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 22 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 56.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 64.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 79.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Lake Providence to 85.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Tallulah. The precipitation for this week was minimal, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 1.66 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 14, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, silked	4	0	NA	NA
Cotton, planted	84	68	52	68
Cotton, emerged	59	45	33	42
Hay, first cutting	57	45	30	41
Rice, planted	99	96	94	96
Rice, emerged	95	93	89	89
Sorghum, planted	93	88	90	94
Sorghum, emerged	87	79	87	82
Soybeans, planted	86	76	68	70
Soybeans, emerged	76	66	45	48
Sweet Potatoes, planted	25	5	6	9
Winter Wheat, coloring	78	56	55	70
Winter Wheat, harvested	1	NA	NA	NA

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending May 14, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	0	15	74	11
Cotton	0	6	43	43	8
Livestock	2	6	27	57	8
Pasture	3	6	29	52	10
Rice	0	7	18	66	9
Sorghum	0	3	24	68	5
Soybeans	3	5	22	62	8
Sugarcane	1	5	30	57	7
Vegetables	1	5	27	57	10
Winter Wheat	9	23	36	32	0

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Cool, wet nights have caused instances of Pythium and Rhizoctonia seedling diseases in cotton and soybeans. Early planted cotton and soybeans mixed in with the cool soil temperature in early April are not growing actively enough to reduce the effect of seedling diseases.”

– Richard Letlow, Morehouse Parish

“Fieldwork has resumed in hopes to complete soybean planting and replanting in areas hit hard by heavy isolated rain events two weeks ago. Rice farmers affected by flooding conditions are faced with some crop loss and yield reduction, where rice reaching early production stages went under water for an extended period. The few acres of wheat planted are being harvested with mixed yields. Crawfish ponds are being seed for next year, as this year’s season comes to an end.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Heavy rains caused many fields to flood last week. Many soybean fields had to be replanted this week.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Cool night temperatures continue to slow summer pasture and Bermuda hay field development. Favorable drying conditions allowed farmers to return to planting soybeans and conducting fieldwork by mid-week on higher ground. Heavy rains on Friday halted fieldwork progress. Overall, many cane growers are ahead of schedule because of favorable weather conditions this spring. Cool weather is stalling the development of cucurbits in vegetable gardens.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin Parish

“This weather pattern is becoming more stable with a few showers during the week allowing for a small amount of fieldwork. Sugarcane, soybeans, and rice are making good progress.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

“Adequate amounts of sunshine allowed for the necessary replanting of some soybeans and cotton that were affected by the recent floods. Hog damage occurring in grain sorghum and wheat fields. Crawfishing has wrapped up for the year in most areas of the parish.”

– Justin Dufour, Saint Martin Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 14, 2017										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	83.9	59.0	71.4	70.5	0.9	0.97	2	-0.10	3.38	-1.31
Mooringsport	81.6	60.0	70.8	71.2	-0.4	2.66	2	1.75	5.51	1.97
Red River	85.4	60.6	73.0	72.2	1.1	0.56	1	-0.21	2.68	-1.38
Shreveport	82.3	57.4	69.9	71.2	-1.4	0.50	2	-0.71	3.17	-1.72
Extreme/Average	83.3	59.2	71.3	71.3	0.1	1.17	2	0.18	3.69	-0.61
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	69.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	71.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	82.5	57.7	70.1	68.9	1.4	1.04	3	0.05	4.57	0.17
Extreme/Average	82.5	57.7	70.1	69.9	1.4	1.04	3	0.05	4.57	0.17
Northeast										
Lake Providence	79.0	60.7	69.9	71.6	-1.7	0.79	1	0.28	4.81	3.01
St Joseph	85.5	59.8	72.6	73.1	0.0	0.00	0	-0.60	4.70	1.34
Tallulah	85.6	62.0	73.8	71.8	2.0	0.18	1	-0.96	3.66	-0.64
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	72.5	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.22	-0.33
Extreme/Average	83.4	60.8	72.1	72.2	0.1	0.32	1	-0.43	4.10	0.84
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	70.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	84.0	62.0	73.0	72.4	1.0	0.00	0	-0.62	9.25	5.51
Leesville	83.5	56.8	70.2	71.8	-1.6	0.25	1	-0.64	6.33	2.59
Natchitoches	83.0	61.6	72.3	73.6	-1.3	0.35	2	-0.70	4.09	0.39
Extreme/Average	83.5	60.1	71.8	72.1	-0.6	0.20	2	-0.65	6.56	2.83
Central										
Alexandria	81.4	61.4	71.4	73.3	-1.9	0.30	1	-0.73	7.18	3.11
Bunkie	82.4	61.1	71.8	73.5	-1.7	1.48	1	0.26	16.99	12.32
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	75.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	81.4	59.3	70.4	73.1	-2.7	0.25	2	-0.74	5.24	2.22
New Roads	85.5	61.2	73.4	73.9	-0.1	0.00	0	-0.64	4.27	0.67
Extreme/Average	82.7	60.8	71.7	73.8	-1.6	0.51	2	-0.46	8.42	4.58
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.84	1	-0.33	6.65	2.11
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	72.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.95	1	NA	6.29	NA
Slidell	81.0	62.0	71.5	NA	NA	3.19	1	NA	9.35	NA
Extreme/Average	81.0	62.0	71.5	72.8	NA	1.66	1	-0.33	7.43	2.11
Southwest										
Crowley	81.2	63.6	72.4	74.5	-1.9	0.07	1	-0.77	9.64	5.66
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	73.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	81.1	62.7	71.9	74.2	-2.2	0.78	2	-0.29	14.81	11.04
Oberlin Fire	80.9	60.1	70.5	73.4	-2.9	0.38	1	-0.81	11.73	7.29
Extreme/Average	81.1	62.1	71.6	73.8	-2.3	0.41	2	-0.62	12.06	8.00
South Central										
Donaldsonville	83.1	60.7	71.9	73.8	-1.9	1.68	1	0.72	11.56	7.71
Jeanerette	79.8	61.0	70.4	74.4	-3.7	0.00	0	-0.68	6.01	2.51
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	73.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	83.0	64.9	73.9	74.3	-0.4	0.49	1	-0.40	6.28	3.17
Extreme/Average	82.0	62.2	72.1	74.1	-2.0	0.72	1	-0.12	7.95	4.46
Southeast										
Galliano	81.3	64.1	72.7	74.5	-1.8	0.14	1	-0.82	9.02	5.93
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.96	1	1.03	9.89	5.92
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	81.3	64.1	72.7	74.5	-1.8	1.05	1	0.11	9.46	5.92
State	82.2	61.1	71.6	72.8	-0.9	0.78	2	-0.27	7.57	3.56

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.